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In Re the Application of:

Douglas R. Foster, et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of August 13, 2004. Based on the amendments and remarks presented below, reconsideration and further examination are requested. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 thereby extending the time for response from November 13, 2004 until December 13, 2004. Please charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 13-1955.

Please amend the claims as indicated herein.